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MEMORANDUM

To: Human and Community Development Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: April 11, 2011

Re: Committee Roles and Revised Framing Language

In January, the CMAP Board voted unanimously to approve staff-proposed changes to the external committee structure, based on the agency's transition from plan development to implementation. In that vein, the Human Services Committee has been changed to the Human and Community Development (HCD) Working Committee. This transition has (and will continue) to involve inviting organizations that work on human services and community development areas, especially those targeted to meet the needs of lower-income and communities of color, to participate as members. Previously, the committee has had representation primarily from service providers and advocacy groups for the older and disabled residents.

At previous meetings, members have asked for clarity from staff on the role of the committee. Staff worked with the co-chairs to clarify the committee's role as stated in the following revised framing language:

Revised Framing Language

Vision

The CMAP Human and Community Development Committee seeks to create a safe, healthy, vibrant, diverse and inclusive region where all residents contribute to the region's growth and have equal access to the region's assets, including, but not limited to clean air, water and energy; quality healthcare, housing, transportation, jobs, education, nature preserves and recreational opportunities; nutritious food, the arts and cultural amenities. The benefits and burdens caused by the region's investments and policies will be fairly distributed to all parts of the region and among all residents, regardless of age, gender, income, race, ethnicity, culture, language, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or disability status. Decisions affecting community residents will be made with a high degree of collaborative leadership and public participation, with special emphasis on disenfranchised populations.

Committee Charge

The charge to the CMAP human and community development committee is to provide advisory input to CMAP staff and the CMAP Board to ensure that the implementation of GO TO 2040 facilitates the achievement of the committee vision and encourages public participation, especially from vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, low income communities, people of color, and older residents.

Near-Term Initiatives of the Committee:

- Provide input on Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program project identification.
- Provide input to assist in scoping specific LTA projects.
- Improve and coordinate, where possible, regional human and community development activities.

Working directly CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, funded under the federal Sustainable Communities Initiative, is the most concrete way for the committee to carry out its charge in the near term and can provide valuable input into GOTO 2040 implementation.

In the coming months, CMAP staff will be working with community leaders to scope and implement specific projects identified as priorities to receive technical assistance under the LTA program. Staff will present projects to the HCD Committee, seeking input specific to members' expertise and organizational capacity. Specifically, staff will be seeking answers to the following questions:

- 1) How can CMAP improve engagement of historically underrepresented populations in collaborative leadership of LTA projects?
- 2) How can CMAP better address the needs of historically underrepresented populations in LTA project communities?
- 3) What impacts to human and community development might LTA projects have?
- 4) How can CMAP be sure that the benefits and burdens associated with LTA project implementation are distributed equitably among the populations of each LTA community?
- 5) What assistance can you or your organization provide to address any of the above questions?
- 6) Based on your experience, what other human and community development issues should be considered in the undertaking of LTA projects?

Included in this month's meeting materials is a spreadsheet that organizes all of the priority LTA projects by relevance to the HCD committee (high, medium, low), specific language describing that relevance and demographic data. Staff did not have resources to estimate current demographic data pertaining to Chicago Community Areas or interjurisdictional groups. However, project summaries may provide some insight into that information. Committee members can find and are encouraged to read these summaries at the following link (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=187afd59-229e-44ca-bc5f-caf8bcc51d0b&groupId=20583). It is anticipated that more specific data can be provided to the committee along with LTA project presentations.

Staff request that members review this material before the April meeting. Members are encouraged to email Drew (awilliamsclark@cmap.illinois.gov) if they can provide assistance on any specific project. They may also provide input during LTA project presentations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion of Roles and Approval of Revised Framing Language